

MISSOURI GOVERNOR
Matt Blunt

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**Missourians Applaud Gov. Blunt for
Supporting Workers**

The following Missourians today voiced their support for Gov. Matt Blunt's action to enact Senate Bill 339, Missouri's Fairness in Construction Act.

"Under the Act signed by Governor Blunt today, penalties for prevailing wage violations are increased 10-fold. Additionally, the State may now recover back wages for workers cheated out of fair rates of pay. We thank our friends on both sides of the aisle in the General Assembly, as well as Governor Blunt for increasing enforcement in the Missouri Prevailing Wage Law."

Dick Dickens

Business Manager, International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 513

"We have waited a long time for this type of legislation. We thank Governor Blunt and those in the General Assembly for working together to pass Senate Bill 339. Their joint efforts will benefit Missouri construction workers, whose work in turn, benefits Missouri."

Gerald Feldhaus

President, St. Louis Building Construction Trades Council

"With Senate Bill 339, a fair and reasonable compromise was achieved between labor and management and on both sides of the aisle. We appreciate the first statutory efforts to increase enforcement in many years and thank our Democratic and Republican friends in the General Assembly, as well as Governor Blunt for their efforts to ensure a level playing field for public works construction."

Hugh McVey

President, Missouri State Labor Council, AFL-CIO

"With the passage of Senate Bill 339, the General Assembly has enacted the first real enforcement teeth in the prevailing wage law in many years. Finally, the state is committed to recover back pay in court, if necessary, for employee victims of unscrupulous contractors. We thank Governor Blunt and proponents of this bill in the General Assembly for their tireless effort to achieve true enforcement in the prevailing wage law."

Mike O'Connell

Business Manager, Plumbers & Pipefitters, Local 562

"With the passage of Senate Bill 339, Missouri workers on public works construction projects are assured they will receive those wages and fringe benefits to which they are entitled. The State has committed to enforce the law in this area, and we thank Governor Blunt and our friends in the General Assembly for the passage of this Bill into law."

Dave Zimmerman

Business Manager, Sheet Metal Workers Local 36

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